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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Food Analysis Research and Extension (FARE) Lab project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience, located at 3050 Maile Way, Gilmore Hall 203B, Honolulu HI, 96822

The funding would be used to establish a research hub for local Hawai'i farmers. The FARE Lab will use national standards to create nutrition fact labels for local staples and advance fingerprinting technology by mapping the unique natural chemicals and high nutrient levels found in foods from Hawai'i and the broader Pacific. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the data collected in the FARE Lab will support school swap strategies by matching locally produced foods to conventional menu items, strengthening local food economies and allowing farmers and food entrepreneurs to be competitive in their local markets.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

With aloha,



Ed Case
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